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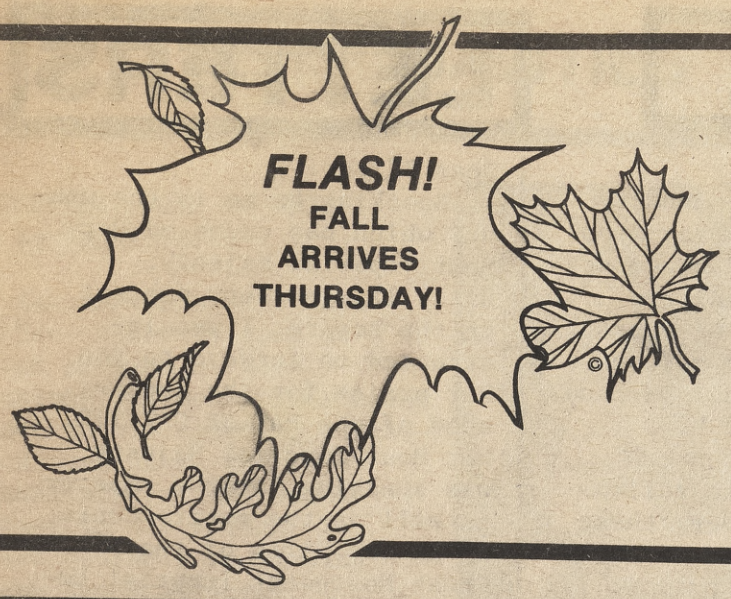


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# PATLAR GAZETTE

## VOICE OF THE GAY WEST

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### MORAL MAJORITY

The Moral Majority is a fundamentalist Christian organization created by Brother Jerry Falwell, claiming two to three million members. The gay community, by contrast, is estimated at between 25 and 30 million. In addition to supporting prayer in schools and world evangelism, the Moral Majority opposes abortion and gay rights.

Those wishing to register, whether members of the Majority or not, may do so by contacting your local County Clerk. Many fire districts have registrars at the local fire stations.

Representatives of the Moral Majority are launching a campaign to register 200,000 new voters statewide for the November elections.

John Lorenzo, co-ordinator of the project, noted that many groups, including the gay community, will campaign to register new voters for the coming elections. The expected low attendance at the polls, traditional in a non-presidential election, gives well-organized groups a chance for greater influence.

The Moral Majority (MM) is big business. The group, which has nearly 5 million members, raised about $6 million for the year ending August 31, 1982. However, it spent slightly more than it took in and had a deficit of $350,000.

The executive director of MM, Ronald Godwin, points to the revenue as grass-roots support for the movement by Americans. Although there

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### WOMYN'S CHURCH

Reverend Jean Hart, Pastor of the Womyn's Church, announced the church plans to incorporate as a tax-exempt entity. Incorporation is considered necessary to clarify and maintain the unique identity of the group.

The Womyn's Church is autonomous and has no affiliation with any other religious organization.

The church is sponsoring "Feminist Spirit," a book study series currently focusing on the works of Mary Daly, who is a well-known feminist theologian-philosopher. Ms. Daly has published three books, "The Church and the Second Sex," "Beyond God the Father," and "Gyn-Ecology," which describe and illuminate her personal faith journey.

The study group is currently discussing "The Church and the Second Sex" which is the first of Daly's books, first published in 1968. The book examines the position of women in the church from Daly's perspective as a theologian-philosopher in the late 1960's. In the current edition, Daly has added a commentary analysing her work from her theological/idealogical position in 1975. The growth and change during this seven-year period provide thought-provoking contrasts.

The Feminist Spirit Book Study group currently meets in the home of one of the members of The Womyn's Church. Call (916) 453-0791 or (916) 736-0113 for information.

### PBS DOCUMENTARY

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting--the funding arm for national public television--has awarded a $130,000 grant for the production of a documentary film on the hidden history of the homosexual rights movement prior to the 1970s. This marks the first major public TV support for a film concerned with lesbian and gay issues. The film--"Before Stonewall"--will be offered for presentation over the stations of the PBS network, and will also be available for theatrical, educational and community screenings.

Using filmed personal recollections and archival materials culled from the media and private collections, "Before Stonewall" will delve into the origins and development of the early gay movement. In 1969, when gays rebelled against the police who were raiding the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village "gay liberation" as we know it today was born. "Before Stonewall" will bring to light the struggles of another time, when homosexuality was not a subject for polite conversation, when the lesbian and gay community was deeply underground, when gays were isolated from mainstream politics, and when only a handful of activists could speak out against discrimination.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting's grant for "Before Stonewall" is undoubtedly the most significantstep forward in the last few years in the development of independent gay filmmaking.

### STD AWARENESS

By Michael W. Allerton

"Oh yes, STD, I know what that is, it's the stuff you put in your gas tank for better mileage...isn't it.... at least I think so...right? ..No?"

Actually STD is the new medical terminology for all those things your high school hygiene teacher said you'd get if you weren't a good little boy or girl. It stands for Sexually Transmitted Diseases; and medical science is becoming aware that this category includes a lot of things other than the "biggies,"syphilis and gonorrhea; and the gay community gets to add even more to the list than its straight counterpart.

If you think you know all there is to know about the subject, just see if you can tell which of the following statements are true and which are false:

1) Popping a few tetracycline pills before a night out will help prevent catching anything.
2) A blood test will show I don't have anything to worry about.
3) Gay or straight, the treatment will be the same so I don't need to come out to my doctor.
4) Some people have natural immunity to STDs like gonorrhea.
5) If I had an STD, I'd know it.
6) Syphilis, gonorrhea, and maybe hepatitis are the only real

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VOICE OF THE GAY WEST

# EDITORIAL

We women and men of the gay community should endeavor to revitalize the spirit of the pioneers. Historically, the pioneers pooled their collective resources in order to strengthen their individual positions against adversity. They recognized the value in caring about each other. House raising was an example of this spirit in action. When a building was needed, neighbors would assemble and help construct a new building.

Each of us in the gay community, women and men alike, should be concerned about the feelings and needs of our gay sisters and brothers. We have the capability to create a nurturing and supportive social environment. All that is needed is a realization that this is what we want to accomplish PLUS a willingness to do so. Sadly, this is not the current situation.

In many respects, gay people are very discriminatory. For example, where are our senior gays? They are certainly not represented in traditional gay meeting places in any number. Presumably they are not there because they feel unwanted or uncomfortable. Yet, age is an artificial barrier. Interests are not determined entirely by one's age. A youth of 18 may prefer classical music or reading while a person of 60 may enjoy popular music or camping.

Neither does a glance in the traditional gay meeting places reveal too many different skin colors. Minority gay women and men frequently express their opinion that the gay standard of beauty requires a white skin and, consequently, they feel uncomfortable and/or unwanted.

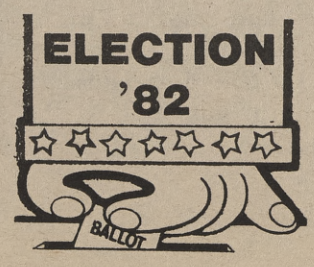
Younger, non-minority gay women and men may also feel unwanted and uncomfortable in traditional gay meeting places. Of course, these perceptions may be entirely individual in many instances, caused by nervousness and concern about potential rejection. Many times, however, these perceptions are based on reality. Simply put, we in the gay community do not reach out to our fellow gays. The loss is ours.

Let us resolve to develop a standard of behavior based on concern, caring, and empathy. Let us reach out to other gay women and men in both traditional and non-traditional gay settings. A smile and greeting are not too difficult to give to another person regardless of his or her age, color, or appearance. This requires the emotional maturity to recognize that there are many personal interactions which do not involve sexual relations. Consequently, when we reach out to another person, we are not putting our ego on the line; rather we are simply embracing that person as a fellow member of the gay family.

The gay community must build a bridge of understanding between itself and mainstream society to gain full acceptance. But at the same time, we in the gay community need to work on putting our own house in order. We should commit ourselves to the establishment of a standard of caring, concern, and stability at such a level that non-gay persons will point to us with respect and even envy at what can be accomplished. We gay women and men have this capability. Shall we begin to develop it?

## EDITORIAL POLICY

The PATLAR GAZETTE is a multi-dimensional publication. It is not merely a gay newspaper serving one city. Rather, it is a bridge between the gay communities located in the cities, towns, and rural areas of the west. It is also a bridge between the gay and straight communities. The PATLAR GAZETTE will report the news in a consistent, objective, and timely fashion and will publish information about advertisers for everyone who is interested.



REGISTER TO VOTE

The deadline to register in order to be eligible to vote in the November general election is October 2. We urge all eligible gay women and men to register and to support candidates who take stands favorable to gay issues. The gay community must impact the political structure to insure the establishment and preservation of gay rights.

# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Speaking to me in the manner which has endeared Her Most Imperial Majesty, Billy IX, to every subject in the Empire, I was instructed to forward to you Her praise for the appearance of the PATLAR GAZETTE. Her Most Imperial Majesty was speaking for the emperor as well as the entire Court of Rawley Hills of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire in wishing you every success.

If I might be permitted to do so, I would like to add a personal thank you for your kind remarks regarding my minutes of the Court. It really made my day.

Walt Preston
Duke of Dragonlaire
and
Secretary to the Court

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**Readers are welcome to make expressions of opinion to the PATLAR GAZETTE. Letters should be concise. The right to edit all letters, as necessary, is reserved by the PATLAR GAZETTE. Letters must be signed, however, the name of the writer will be withheld if requested. Letters should be sent to the PATLAR GAZETTE, P.O. Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.**

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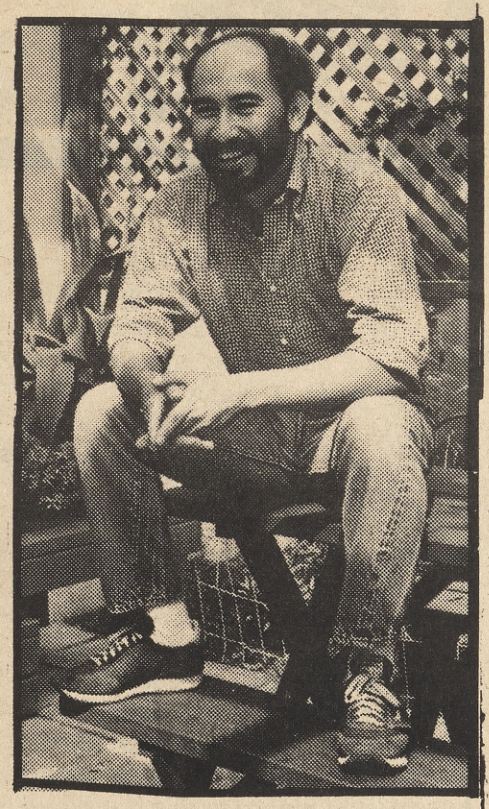
# PERSONALITIES

INTERVIEW: JOSE PACHECO
by Kevin Michaels



Sacramento artist Jose Pacheco recently gave me a sneak preview of some etchings and monoprints being shown in his upcoming exhibition opening at the Ibex Visual Arts at 625 Sutter Street in Old Folsom. To treat yourself to viewing these handsome works, I recommend that you attend this showing.

In his second professional show (his first show last year was featured at Alta Gallery in Sacramento), Jose has produced a collection of abstract and realist etchings with a strong Mexican theme, inspired by a recent trip to Mexico. The upcoming show will contain all new works.

Jose's art background includes a degree from the California State University, Sacramento, and art classes at Long Beach City College and the Instituto Allende in Mexico.

The Ibex Visual Arts is hosting the exhibit with an opening reception Sunday, September 26, from 1 to 5:00 pm. The show will run through October 31.

Jose will share the gallery with metal sculptor Andrew Lazerine, and the gallery promises to be filled with fine works from both artists. A trip to Old Folsom during the show will prove enjoyable with the exhibit as a highlight.

# LETTERS FROM THE CLOSET

Dear Brian,

You may not recognize my name. I'm the guy who sat at the other end of the room at the Man Two Man meeting.

You first attracted my attention during one of the discussions. The topic was "First Impressions," but it had wandered, as discussions will. Someone didn't want to come out at work, but he was tired of getting nudged in the ribs by some guy who would say, "Ooh, look at that broad! Ain't she a dish! Wouldn't you like to do it to her!"

You had an answer--make it clear that that kind of display, gay or straight, is sexist and unwelcome. I tried it and you're right. It does just take once or twice to get a reputation for disliking, or for liking, that kind of conversation.

Later, they turned down the lights for the social hour. I was watching you. The lamp was lighting up your face, and I was thinking, "With these shadows, I could paint that face." You smiled at Somebody's joke and your smile defined the highlights of your face.

I didn't speak to you that night. You see, I'm not so good at making conversation. I grew up in the country, and there weren't many children my age nearby. I learned to love to read, and that made me different because nobody likes to read anymore. It is so important not to be different, so important to conform when you're a child. It was a pleasant enough childhood, but I had it by myself.

Since then it's been hard to learn to talk to others. That's my own fault (it's laziness) but I don't know too many people who like to do the things they aren't so good at doing.

It's so hard to start a conversation! Once we get started, once we have an excuse to start talking, it goes much easier. The discussion was on first impressions. It reached the usual conclusion; maybe there's something to it after all.

Maybe things could have turned out differently in a couple of years. If I'd had something to say, if I'd had more practice, if I'd had more courage, maybe I could have loved you.

Be gentle,
Gerry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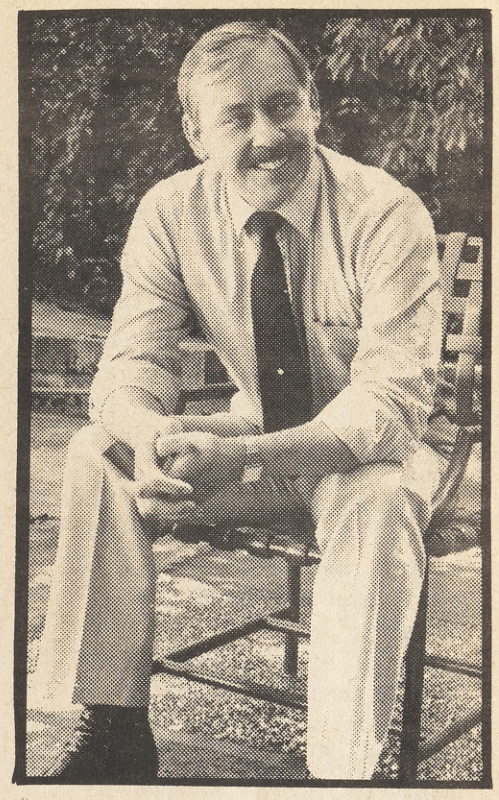
INTERVIEW: JIM GENTRY
By Kevin Michaels



One might think of selling real estate and professional opera singing as an absurd career combination, but Sacramento's Jim Gentry has proven them to be compatible. Chiefly an agnet for Jones, Brand and Hullin, Jim, who has helped many gay people with the search for and purchase of real estate, labels his singing as an "avocation" that has produced an upcoming Fall schedule qualifying as considerably more than a hobby.

With a comparatively short ten years of singing, study, and experience, Jim has to date performed professionally with the Davis and Stockton Opera Companies, the University of California at Davis, and Yuba College Opera Workshops, the Camellia Symphony, and the Sacramento Community Opera Theatre, in vocal ranges from bass to tenor with his normally baritone voice.

Upcoming performances include roles in the Sacramento Opera Association's Brown Bag Opera Program at the Old Eagle Theatre in Old Sacramento (September 17 and 24) and in the Association's Mini Opera Series singing arias from Marriage of Figaro and Queen of Spades.

Currently in its second year of performances, The Placer County Opera Company in Auburn is presenting Die Fladermaus (November 18, 19, and 20) and Jim is starring as Dr. Falke. Jim will sing a tenor role in Ad Hoc Opera's concert version of Mozart's Abduction From The Seraglio (November 28) and will also perform a baritone recital (December 19) at the Crocker Art Gallery.

Of all Jim's activities, including many funeral, wedding, and church jobs, he seems most proud of his involvement with the Opera Outreach Program sponsored by the State and the Sacramento Opera Association. This project, which was presented at over forty public schools in the greater Sacramento area last year, will be repeated again this school year. With Sacramento soprano Beverly Coyne, this project is designed to expose pre-school through junior-college students to the pleasures of opera by using either of two semi-staged and costumed programs geared to the age of the specific audience. Arias and duets from Carmen, Magic Flute, Barber of Seville, or The Apothecary are used to peak the student interest. A great deal of audience involvement is employed to help relax the student with this often intimidating art form. Any pieces that are not performed in English are preceded with an interpretation by a narrator.

Jim realizes that many people aren't at ease with opera and encourages those of us who aren't to view some performances with an opera "fiend" if possible, in an effort to reach a comfort level. Like any other art, some study and experience make appreciation significantly easier and more enjoyable.

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Dear Editor:

Welcome PATLAR GAZETTE to the Sacramento and greater California area. I found most of your articles lively, if not entertaining, and it is nice to see someone covering the so-called backwaters of California. I am beginning to find out where to go when I am out of town but still in the valley areas.

Some of my friends think that another gay newspsper is not good for the Sacramento area; however, I think that your broader appeal will save the day for many of the "outlanders."

My only negative comment is that Ernie Brown's column failed to be accurate in the mention of the Power Plant, since the Power Plant is open seven days a week--not just the days mentioned! I am a regular there and felt you should know your error.

Since I did read the paper from cover to cover, I would like to praise you for the positive comments about other papers and periodicals covering the gay life in Sacramento. Again, welcome, and keep on improving!

Name withheld by request.

(Note: Thank you for your kind remarks. I wish to apologize to the management and the patrons of the Power Plant. The Editor.)

**America saw its first popular newspapers when the "Penny Press" made its appearance in the 1830's. The first successful penny paper was the *New York Sun*.**

## EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN FIGHT WILL CONTINUE

The Battle for equal rights has not ended with the expiration of the ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment. Recently, Members of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues cosponsored the reintroduction of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

Equal rights is a fundamental issue that will not wither away because of a ratification deadline. It is a basic issue of economic justice and equality, which would guarantee that all citizens would be protected, by law, from discrimination. Passage of the amendment would challange those in the Congress and the Administration who seek, through legislation and other means, to put women back into so-called "traditional" roles, thereby limiting opportunity and the ability of society to benefit fully from the contributions women could make.

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## CAMPAIGN TO ELECT ROBBIE WATERS SHERIFF OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The larger committee directing the campaign in Sacramento's gay community to elect Robbie Waters as Sheriff of Sacramento County recently selected two dates for fund-raisers. The first date was September 18 when all bars catering to the gay community collected a dollar per customer for the fund drive. The drive will be repeated on October 16. A special presentation is planned to turn over funds collected to the candidate.

A highly enthusiastic response has been received from all parts of the gay community to the fund-raising plans and it is hoped that generous contributions will be realized. The November run-off election is one of the most important local contests to be decided. All gay voters should make themselves aware of the stands taken by the two candidates, and their statements.

It is hoped that Lt. Waters will make further appearances at Sacramento's watering holes and recreational establishments.

## DEL MARTIN TO SPEAK

Noted lesbian author, Del Martin, will speak in Sacramento at 10:00 am Saturday, October 2, 1982, on the topic "The Battle of the Sexes: It's Time We Called A Truce." She will discuss her book, Battered Wives, and the impact of this issue on the feminist movement. University Union, Sacramento State University. Write Focus 5, P.O. Box 1404, Sacramento, CA 95807 for more information.

## VALLEY KNIGHTS

Sacramento's Valley Knights Motorcycle Club has announced that the theme for this year's Christmas show will be "Extra-Terrestrial Christmas." The date has been set for Saturday, December 11 at Turn Verein Hall in Sacramento.

This will be the sixth time the club has staged the show, which features a talent contest as well as professional acts. All area performers are welcome to submit applications in either category. Participants are invited, but not required, to develop acts in keeping with the theme of the evening.

As usual, the occasion will include a raffle, door prizes, and a bar.

## MUSICAL COMEDY

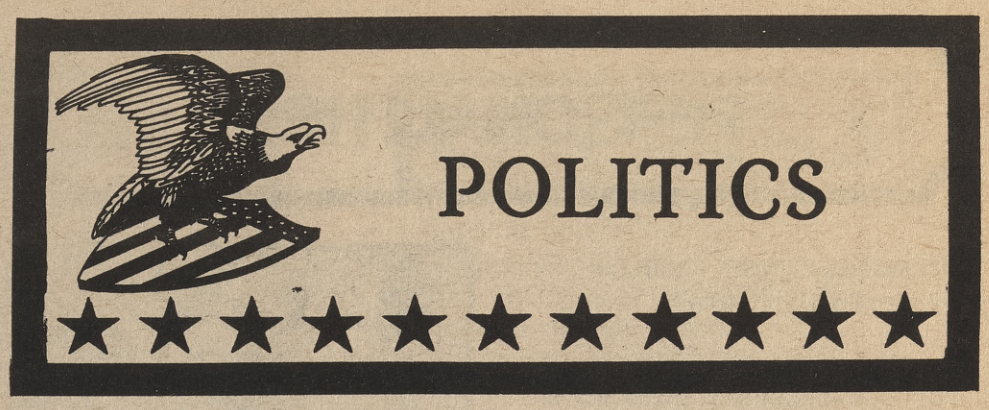
Whatashow Productions in San Francisco announces the presentation of "Goodness Gwendolyn--Look What Has Happened to Ernest!" The two act musical comedy was adapted from Oscar Wilde's play.

The play will be presented at California Hall, 625 Polk Street (at Turk), San Francisco on September 19 and 26 and October 10, 17, and 24. Matinees are scheduled for 3:00 pm. Evening presentations are scheduled for 7:00 pm. General admission is $5.00; the admission for seniors and disabled is $2.00. Tickets are available at the door and reservations may be made by calling (415) 431-3878.

## MAJORITY BELIEVE IN AFTERLIFE

A survey by the Gallup Poll printed in the May issue of McCall's magazine indicated that a majority of Americans believe in some kind of afterlife. The poll interviewed 1500 people, two-thirds of whom indicated their belief in life after death. Higher education did not seem to weaken the belief.

The average cat usually does best on two small meals than on one large one.




By Ellen McCord

Salutations, PATLAR readers! This month's column is introductory in nature. I want to use this space to explain what I mean by "politics;" and what you, as readers, may expect from this column.

According to Webster, the definition of the word "politics" includes the following meanings: "1. The art or science of political government. 2. The policies, goals, or affairs of a government or of the groups or parties within it. 3. Partisan or factional intrigue within a given group. 4. Opinions or principals dealing with political subjects." Although this is only a partial listing of the meanings of the term "politics," Webster tells us the meaning has various connotations.

Through this column, I intend to deal with a variety of subjects which in one or more senses of the word may be considered "political." I intend to present and discuss issues which are relevant to the readers of the PATLAR GAZETTE and to the community of interest to lesbians and gays. I will also be discussing issues which are relevant to individual rights and trends in the protection of those rights, particularly as they apply to the right of privacy.

In this column, you can expect topics from the use of the word "lesbian" to the adjustments gay activists have made in order to keep moving forward in the more conservative political environment which now surrounds us.

The reasons I am writing this column are twofold: one, to stimulate my own thinking and force myself to examine the various implications of political issues with which I deal every day; and two, to stimulate the grey matter of PATLAR readers and spawn debate among you.

The major underlying premise of this column is that we all need to engage each other in friendly debate more than we do in order to learn new perspectives. Tolerance of others, and of ourselves, slips as we become more narrow in our thinking. We tend to select friends and associates who act, dress, think, and often look like us. Amazingly enough, this tendency has a great impact on our perceptions of persons different from us and results in prejudice. This tendency is also self-affirming and is a very important step in our individual growth; but if we get stuck on that step of the growth process, we will be increasingly more isolated from each other.

Although it would be a little grandiose to believe that this column could have any impact upon these isolating tendencies, I do hope that this column will at the very least provide food for thought and incite debate about these matters.

As I walk through the bars, I will listen to see if conversations other than "modern romance" types of intrigues are taking place. I hope so. We all have wonderful individual capacities which we so often neglect. Welcome, readers.

## WALKAWAY MAN

By Gerry Wortman

Walkaway man,
Standing in the sunlight
with your cases,
Hair carefully combed
Carefully scrubbed,
carefully dressed,
Remembering what to say.
You are too young for this,
Walkaway man.
What are you selling,
walkaway man?
Insurance, crystal, books...
Are you from the collection
agency?
I'm not home,
Walkaway man.
The breeze is betraying your
combing, walkaway man.
They train you to smile
so well.
You cannot hear my negatives.
You hear so many negatives...
Come on in.
Damn you, walkaway man.

## LONELINESS

By Mark Weaver

Loneliness
Is the limit of your eye and
feeling
Loneliness is where there is
no explanation
No reason is ever asked
Loneliness is the stars
The falling spaces
Loneliness is a void on which
You must force dimensions
If you are to survive the
endless years

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A CHICKEN FROM THE ISLANDS

By Hedda Khabahj

So many of you seem to be interested in chicken these days that I decided that I simply had to share this wonderful piece with all of you. It is quite simple and makes an elegant gay luncheon or dinner, depending only on what you serve with it.

Ingredients:

- 3 to 3½ lb frying chicken, cut up
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 teas. seasoning, like Beau Monde or Bon Appetit
- 1 teas. onion powder (not salt)
- ½ teas. ground ginger
- ½ teas. nutmeg (fresh if possible)
- 1 can (1 lb, 4½ oz.) pineapple chunks
- 2 teas. arrowroot
- 1 Tbl. water
- ½ cup bell peppers, Julienne cut (in long, thin strips)
- 1 large tomato, cut in thin wedges
- ½ cup Macadamia nuts (dry roasted peanuts or cashews may be subst.)

Saute the chicken in butter until it is a deep golden brown. Combine the spices, the seasoning, the onion powder, the nutmeg, the ginger, and sprinkle over the chicken. Drain the pineapple. Set the chunks aside and pour the syrup over the chicken. Cover and simmer 25 to 30 minutes until the chicken is cooked through. Blend the arrowroot with the water. Stir the juices into the pan and continue stirring until the mixture thickens. Remove from heat. Now stir in the bell pepper strips, the tomato wedges, and the nuts. Heat once again just to warm the added vegetables and nuts. Do not allow to cook, just to warm. (If the vegetables are allowed to cook, the texture will disappear and you will have a not-so-gay mush.)

Serve over a bed of fluffy rice for luncheon. Or add a cold soup (in summer) or a hot soup (in winter), a green vegetable like broccoli, and a tossed green salad, and you have an elegant dinner. This will serve four.

Now if you have left-overs you can remove the chicken pieces from the sauce, remove the bones, and dice the chicken. Mix it back into the sauce and use this to stuff bell peppers or tomatoes. If you have enough sauce, but are a bit shy on the chicken, add a can of drained tuna chunks. When serving cold, add a dollop of mayonnaise to each stuffed vegetable and arrange on a bed of greens with slices of radish and cucumber for color (and taste).

# L. G. P. U.

ACTIVITIES OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO'S L.G.P.U. (Lesbian and Gay People's Union.) For further information about any of the following listings, call HERMAN at 381-8541.

Sept. 20, Mon.
"Coming Out" rap group. 4:30 pm, Miwok Room, Student Union.

"Open Door" rap group. 7:30 pm, Del Rio Room, Food Services Building.

"Women's Only" rap group. 7:00 pm, Miwok Room, Student Union.

Sept. 27, Mon.
"Coming Out" rap group. 4:30 pm, **Miwok Room**, Student Union.

"Open Door" rap group. 7:30 pm, Del Rio Room, Food Services Building.

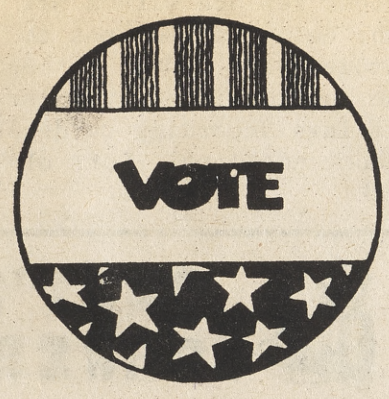
Sept. 29, Wed.
"Women's Only" rap group. 7:00 pm, Miwok Room, Student Union.

Oct. 1, 15, 29
Potluck, 7:30 pm.

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
"Coming Out" rap group. 4:30 pm, Miwok Room, Student Union

"Open Door" rap group. 7:30 pm, Del Rio Room, Food Services Building.

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
"Women's Only" rap group. 7:00 pm, Miwok Room, Student Union.




GAY DISEASES UPDATES

Three new developments in the treatment of two of the diseases known as the "gay plague" were announced recently in San Francisco, Memphis, and Boston.

The experimental drug interferon is being tested to determine its effectiveness for treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma. The drug is being tested at San Francisco General Hospital against the form of cancer which is on the increase among gay men. Kaposi's sarcoma is one of several diseases referred to as "acquired immunodeficiency syndrome" (AID) which have stricken nearly 85 persons in the past four years, almost half of whom have died from those diseases. At least one case has been reported here in Sacramento. Previous tests of interferon in New York indicated it causes a partial or complete remission in nearly half of Kaposi's sarcoma patients. Although there are still many unknowns, it is believed that the drug augments the immune system of the body.

Interferon is a substance that occurs naturally. Apparently, it is produced by living cells as an anti-virus agent.

At the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis, a blood test has been developed that aids in diagnosis of pneumocystis carinii, a type of pneumonia that strikes homosexuals, infants, and cancer patients

In Boston, medical researchers investigating the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome announced that they have recently discovered similar impairment of the immune system in healthy homosexuals. In a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the researchers revealed that 81 healthy homosexuals studied at Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City had weakened immune systems. The researchers, however, warned that at the present time it is too early to make inferences from the findings because too little is known about the causes of AID.

WORDSWORTH

By Richard Maple

"Come, Mary! We don't want to be late for the show." Everyone knows--perhaps--what someone means when one says "Mary." It's a reference one gay makes to or about another gay. But there is an entirely different vocabulary which most people are unaware exists among gays, and which, through a few articles, you will be introduced to, perhaps titilated and/or educated by. Gay slang or jargon has a richness of its own, while maintaining whimsey in the manner in which one word, over time, changes in meaning.

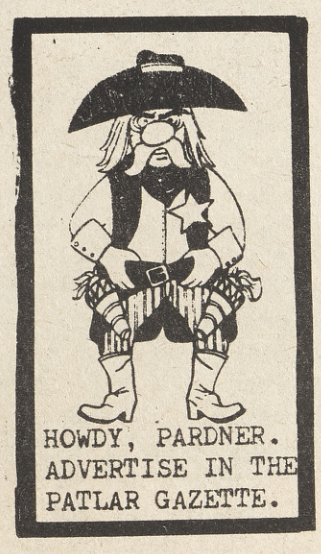
Be daring and define the following passage:

"Mary! You'd better butch up your act. They'll think you're as queer as pink ink. The BMs will bash you at this party, so try to suffer through 'til we get away to the crib. And watch out for the carriage trade, honey, you just don't know when they'll convert. Tonight let's stay together; there's no better way to take out insurance. Well, let's get some eyewash and join the party."

Before you see the definitions, I would like to thank the editor of this newspaper, and the staff, for giving me some slang that they were familiar with to research this article. Furthermore, many of the terms and terminology in this article can be verified by reading Gay Talk by Bruce Rodgers, a Paragon Books publication, 1979.

"Mary" is a term for a homosexual. "Butch up your act" means to act more masculine in behavior (usually in the presence of heterosexuals.) "BMs" is short for baby makers/heterosexuals/straights. "Crib" means bath or place where two gays can have sex with one another. "Carriage trade" refers to a heterosexual who seeks out homosexuals for fellatio. "Convert" means he may admit he is gay, but at this party--a straight party--it would not be a good idea. "Take out insurance" means to travel in pairs or with other gays. "Eyewash" is cheap champagne or any cheap liquor.

That was not hard, now, was it? Many terms are dated and some are even regional. All can be used to baffle the unknowing when you want to discuss your activities with a friend. Have a good time. Next issue: a crossword puzzle.



# WANDA THE GARDENER

By Wanda Martin

The time to re-pot any of your house plants is when:
1) Plants show signs of wilt after you water. 2) Lower leaves get a sickly yellow (not to be confused with a nitrogen deficiency). 3) Leaf size gets smaller. 4) The roots are growing out of the bottom of the container (the best way to know for sure).

Some plants, however, love to be slightly root-bound; for example, the Christmas Cactus can survive for years in the same pot.

The best way to remove a plant from the pot is to take the pot in one hand and place your hand under the bottom; place the open fingers of the other hand around the stem, or stems, at the top so when you turn it upside down it won't fall out. Let the plant dry out a few days before you try removing it from the pot. Slightly dryer soil will hold together better, whereas moist soil will tend to fall apart.

If the plant does not readily fall out of the pot, gently tap the rim on the edge of a shelf to loosen the plant and contents at the same time. If this doesn't work, take a kitchen knife and run it carefully around the sides to loosen roots that may have grown to the side of the pot.

If the roots are too rootbound, meaning they are so tightly wound together you can play kick-ball and it still holds together, you can take your hands and try to loosen the ball. You will damage some roots, but you must loosen the root ball. If you do not loosen the ball, the roots may be so tight that water will not penetrate. If the root ball looks solid and you can see those strong white roots, the plant is in good shape. If the root ball smells sour and roots are brown, soft, or spongy, throw the plant away. If some of the roots are bad and you can still see strong healthy roots, cut away the bad ones.

If you have a valuable or a large plant--seek professional advice. Several nurseries of florists will repot for you... for a fee, of course.

The new pot should only be a maximum of two or so inches wide in diameter. Be sure to use a new or a clean pot. Soaking an old pot in bleach will destroy any harmful organisms; be sure to rinse the pot thoroughly.

For best results, use a pot that has proper drainage; this eliminates problems with watering. Pots that do not provide drainage should be watered with extreme care as water will stay in the pot thus rotting plant roots. If you use a pot with no drainage hole, place at least two inches of charcoal, small pebbles, etc., in the bottom of the pot; this will at least allow the water to stay away from the root ball. Also you can allow the soil to dry out between waterings; this may help. I recommend not to use pots without proper drain holes.

Never repot house plants using soil from the outdoors. Only use sterile bagged potting mix. All garden centers have numerous varieties of pre-packaged soils.

Another tip. When you repot, place fertilizer tab in the bottom of the pot. These tabs release nutrients over long periods of time eliminating the need for weekly applications of fertilizer. When the plant appears to lack luster, appears pale, then it may be that it has used up all of the available food supply the plant tab provided. Either replace with a new tab, being careful not to damage plant roots, or begin the application of regular feedings according to dealer recommendations. Lots of luck!

# POET'S CORNER

NIGHT THING

By Gerry Wortman

Night thing
Born each day at sunset.
Stars sparkle on my boots,
On my chaps, on my buckles.
Black suits me.
Disguises me.
Night thing.
Counting down the addresses
See the sign
Forget all numbers.
Have a glass of wine.
Have another.
Night thing.
Do I want to dance?
So much noise...
It's so hard to talk.
Play a game of pool.
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## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MAN TWO MAN BRANCH IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BEING FORMED

Patlar Enterprises, the firm which operates Man Two Man on a non-profit basis, plans to establish a Contra Costa County Branch. The social club, which provides men an additional way to meet, socialize, and form same-gender relationships was established a year ago in Sacramento. Since its inception, many men have met, shared different experiences such as river rafting, gold panning, potluck dinners, social events, and formed meaningful friendships. The addditional branch will give men the opportunity to develop friendships locally as well as with persons in other nearby communities.

The following needs must be met:

A place to meet.

Persons in Contra Costa County who are willing to serve as local contacts to explain the program to interested persons.

Persons in Contra Costa County who are willing to manage club activities.

Any man who wants to help establish a Contra Costa County branch of Man Two Man, or obtain additional information, should call (916) 391-9755 or (415) 439-1545.

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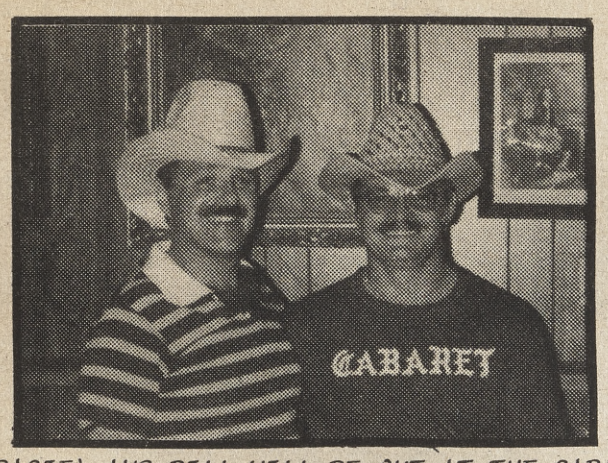
## LAKE COUNTY

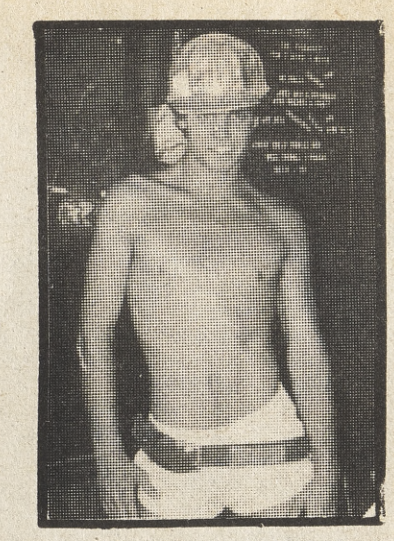



AL (GRACIE) AND BILL WILL BE OUT AT THE CABARET . . .

LAKE COUNTY

By Mr. Bill

ONWARD LAKE COUNTY. In case you missed the Aug. 4 issue of the SF Chronicle, we quote Mr. Herb Caen. "Lake County, which recently got its first traffic light, now has its first gay saloon, The Cabaret in Glenhaven, run by Scotty MacNeil and Charles Georgedes. Disco dancing and organ bar! No, I don't know what you order at an organ bar." Thank you Mr. Caen. (Scotty sent Mr. Caen a thank you note informing him exactly what one can get at the organ bar!)... Aug. was a month that really was packed with action in the Glenhaven area. The Cabaret had its grand opening and it was done in a grand way. There were people from all over CA and many other states who had a blast with friends that they never knew before. It kept two bartenders jumping for hours with door prizes given every hour. Robert ran his buns off trying to serve everyone. Bill and Al (Gracie) did a good job. The buffet was spectacular. Chuck and Scotty would like to thank all the good people for a grand opening... The Mt. View Grocery & Deli is now open and, John, those homemade salads look so appealing they make your mouth water; going to be some good changes there, I hear. Would like to wish you both the best of luck... The Dining Point is now closed; seems that things were not right so Mike and David closed the dining room. The bar is in the process of being redone.. The Sunset Resort is still there to welcome any and everyone who drops in, and lots do... Clear Lake, a jewel set deep in the mountains, beckons you with its healthy, smog-free living, at an elevation of 1320 ft. You'll be protected from the fog of the coastal valleys, and from summer heat, by mountain ranges, creating a pleasant year-round climate. We have all the ingredients for a wonderful vacation: hiking, rock hounding, birds and waterfowl, a short drive to the heart of the wine country, or just resting and relaxing, over 250 ft. of waterfront for an unobstructed view of Mt. Konocti and beautiful Clear Lake. More and more gay-owned businesses are popping up around the lake. North Shore of Clear Lake is where it is going to happen and I know that you don't want to miss out on the start of it all... You can now rest assured, says Randy from his Waterbed Store in Lakeport. Randy would like to welcome you and your friends to his store if you have any problems with your water bed. Tell him you read it in PATLAR GAZETTE... Labor Day weekend was out of this world--Glenhaven will never be the same. Where, oh where, did all those hot men come from?... If you have a dog or a cat that needs some grooming, you could see that it is taken care of by the Precocious Pup in Clear Lake; the owner has had 25 years experience taking care of pets... Don't forget, The First Annual Clear Lake Cat Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 1982. There will be cash prizes for the biggest fish caught and for the most fish caught. The sponsors of the event believe that everyone will have a great time--fisherpersons or not. The following establishments have arranged the event: (1) The Cabaret in Glenhaven (2) The Starlight Resort in Glenhaven (3) Sunset Resort in Clear Lake Oaks (4) Mt. View Market



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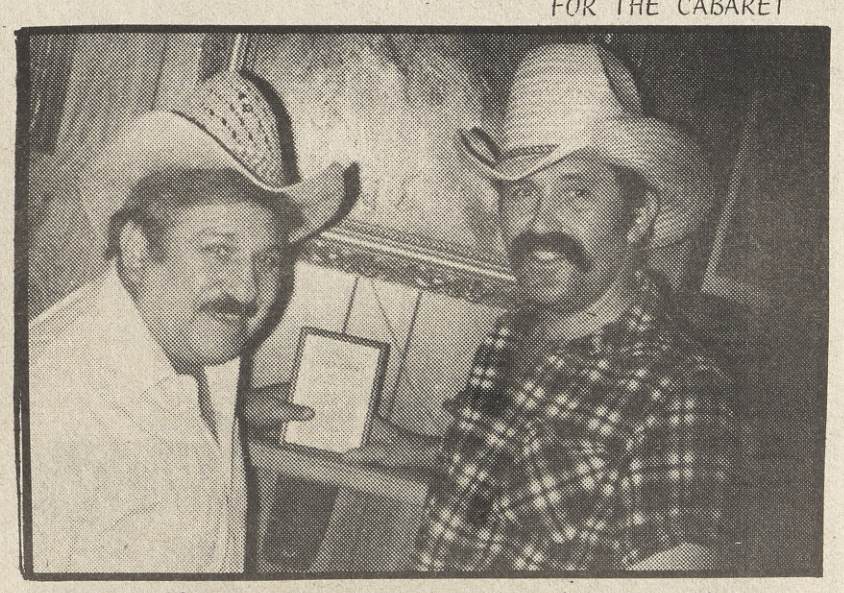


CHUCK AND SCOTTY WITH THE HERB CAEN ARTICLE, OWNERS OF THE CABARET

MAN TWO MAN TALK

Man Two Man is a social club which provides an additional way for men to meet, socialize, and form same-gender relationships. The club is operated by Patlar Enterprises on a non-profit basis.

Members of the club socialize weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Man Two Man Lodge which is located at 2771 24th Street, Sacramento. The Wednesday socials are designed to allow the participants a way to get acquainted in a supportive setting. Additional activities are also scheduled. For example, a Movies at Home night is provided once a month.

Guests are encouraged to attend in order to meet the members of the club and to decide if they want to join. Donations are requested from guests. Membership information is available upon request.

The current calendar of planned events is shown below:

SEPTEMBER

22 WED Social: Share your hobby (bring example to show)

29 WED Social: Discussion-Loving: What does it mean?

OCTOBER

6 WED Social: Guest Speaker

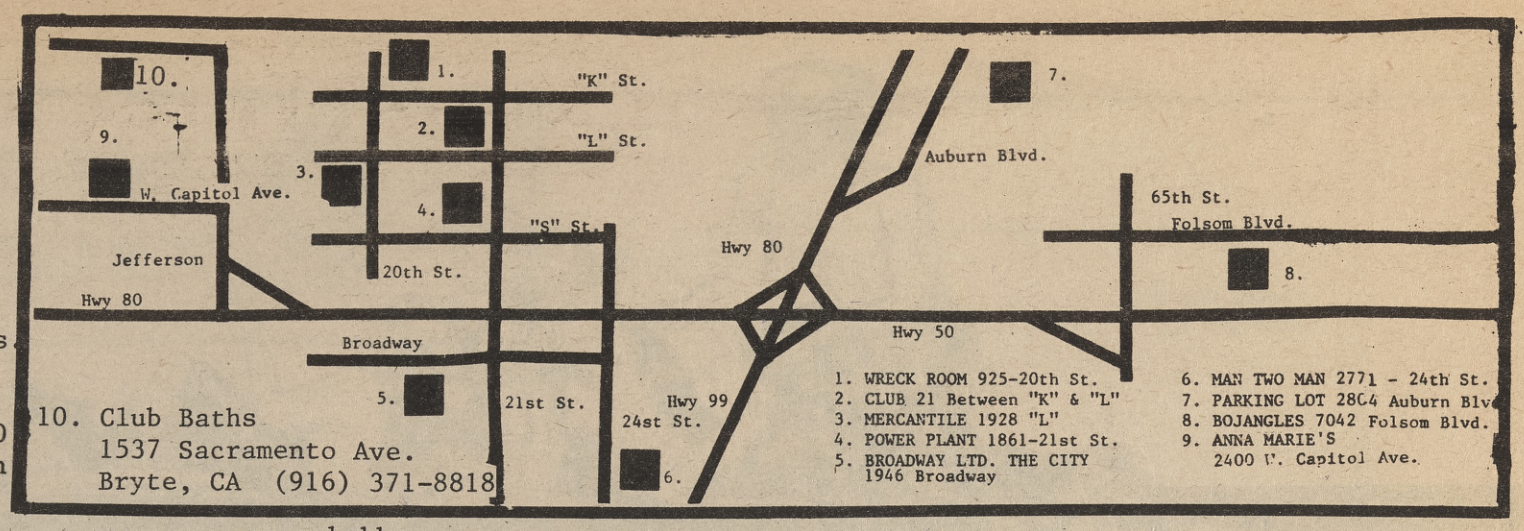
13 WED Social: Amateur Night

20 WED Social: Potluck Dinner

25 MON Movies at Home (bring munchies)

27 WED Social: Discussion--What should we know about you?

For additional information call (916) 391-9755.




# SACRAMENTO

HI! I'M GERRY. FLY ME TO ANTIOCH.

*"We do encourage you to do more, and more, and more--really, you get all this encouragement--it's addictive...."*

Kris Dodson, Michael Fleace, and Billy Boyd of Sacramento, and Brian Bishop of Silver Springs did the torch run Saturday, August 21, together with the event's Den Fathers, Jon Robertson, and Calvin Brown.

*"We started out with two torches, but the first one flamed out in a New York subway--I drop-kicked it. This one has come 4,000 miles. It's special."*

Some impressive totals have been collected. Colorado split 645 miles between 26 runners and cyclists.

Sita Lang, from Minneapolis, racked up 100 miles on her bicycle, and Nicholas Wagner, of Denver, totaled 211 over 5 days, both biking and running.

*"Honest, the only running I ever did before this was around the corner for a pack of cigarettes. Why is it now that I remember my hangover?"*

Sue Walker, winner of the ten-kilometer Gayrun '82, had the honor of carrying the torch across the Golden Gate Bridge. Her efforts climaxed those of 170 other runners in the coast-to-coast event, begun at the site of the Stonewall Inn, New York City, on June 13.

*"Remember who you are and what you're running for! Keep those knees together!"*

GAY VOTE '82 VOTER REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Sept. 19, Sunday; Wreck Room Pig Out, 5 - 9 pm
Sept. 20, Monday; Club 21, 9 - 12 pm
Sept. 21, Tuesday; Bo Jangles, 10 - 12 pm
Sept. 22, Wednesday; Bo Jangles, 10 - 12 pm
Sept. 23, Thursday; Mercantile Saloon, 5 - 9 pm
Sept. 23, Thursday; Broadway Ltd., 10 - 12 pm
Sept. 24, Friday; Power Plant, 10 - 12 pm
Sept. 25, Saturday; Parking Lot, 2 - 4 pm
Sept. 25, Saturday; Anna Marie's, 10 - 12 pm
Oct. 2 -- last day to register to vote to be eligible to vote in the November election.

For further information about Gay Vote '82, please call Kathy Gage at 457-1788.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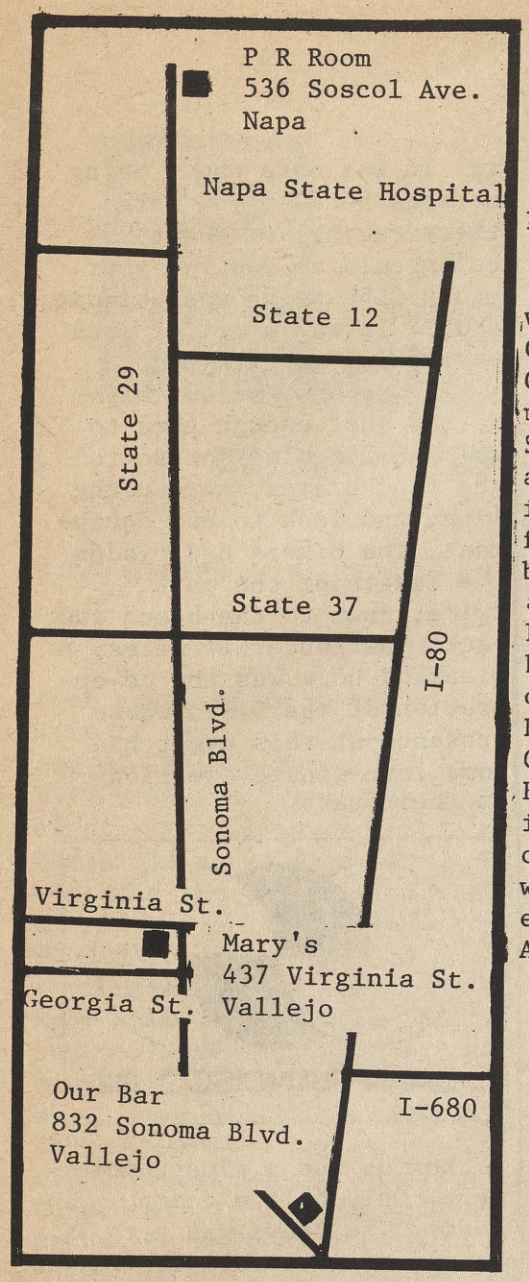


# NORTH BAY

Dear Patlar Gazette Readers:

With all "Our Bar" hearts we wish to thank "Lake County," namely "The Cabaret," Chuck, Scott, Bill, and Al, not to mention Robert, "The Starlight," Randy and Joel; and most certainly "The Dining Point," Mike and David, for a recent weekend that was bound for Party History! Food and excitement embraced "The Lake" as if Dianna were there herself. But alas, we have our own Lady & Prince in Edwin Adams and Edward Crowder. Thank you Ed and Eddy for all the work we know it takes to keep a Community communicating and instilled with a true spirit of togetherness. We love you . . . Another junket to "The Lake" is in the works for the weekend of October 16.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hinton

The following events are scheduled for "Our Bar" in Vallejo during the remainder of September:

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| Sept | | |
| 21 | Tues | Virgo Birthday Party |
| 22 | Wed | Draught Beer-35¢ |
| 29 | Wed | Draught Beer-35¢ |
| 30 | Thurs | Full Disco 9:00 pm-2:00 am, no cover. |

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# RENO

By Joe Palanti

In my last article, I mentioned that I would write about a different bar and a different organization each month to keep you all informed of the goings-on in Reno.

THE OUTBACK LOUNGE

The Outback on West Fourth Street held its formal grand opening over the Labor Day Weekend. The bar is operated by Harry Messina and Gary McKay and has four bartenders to serve you, Gary, Harry, Jack and Louie (of the Trapp Lounge fame.) The bar is open 10:00 am to 4:00 am daily. The Outback offers a friendly atmosphere, a more-or-less down-home type bar where good friends meet. At present there is a pool table and game room, and soon they will be opening up a dance hall and show room. When in Reno, be sure to stop by the Outback and say "hello."

THE HIGH SIERRAS M.C. OF NEVADA, INC.

The following article was submitted by Dale Donothan of the High Sierras M.C.

The High Sierras M.C. of Nevada, Inc. was originally founded October 23rd, 1976, as the Silver Barons, M.C. In January, 1981, the club officially incorporated as a non-profit fraternal organization with the State of Nevada taking the name High Sierras M.C. which was felt to be more geographically descriptive of the club. The High Sierras have retained their original distinctive colors and emblem which have been registered in both Nevada and California and have a pending copyright

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# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

By Gerry Wortman

The first Gay Games are over, and we're all looking forward to the next ones. Winners have been announced and medals have been awarded. Everybody has been congratulated. My purpose is to tell those of you who weren't there what it was like to be at the first Gay Games (nees Olympics.)

The first obstacle was San Francisco itself. Traffic laws of California do not apply to the State of San Francisco. Stop signs are invariably placed at the tops of the steepest grades and on the busiest streets. Turns are signaled, not with lights, but with horns. One honk right, two honks left. Parking is done directly in the lanes of traffic and not elsewhere, if at all possible. Both the architecture and the rest of the scenery is designed to distract you--SF is boys' town.

The first event I saw was the wrestling competition. (It was impossible to see every event.) I had the pleasure of seeing Montgomery of Sacramento pin his opponent. They wrestled freestyle, and the scoring system varied according not so much as to what one opponent did to the other, but how many risks were taken in doing it.

Swimming was the next event I attended. The crowd there was packed to the gills, standing room only, and it was a madhouse. Those who enjoy looking at beautiful and inadequately clad bodies had plenty to see; but, of course, this reporter was there only for the sport.

One true competitor didn't hear the signal for a false start, and had to be "tackled" by a teammate. A couple of races later, that was true of nearly the whole "field," and we practically had a water polo match in the pool.

Missie, of Napa, and the Sacramento team were an especially tight unit. They were practically in the water with each other, cheering each other on, right down to their teddy bear, Scott. It seemed to work. Missie took at least four golds, and Andy Brennan came away with a veritable silver mine.

The highlight of the evening was a race between an older woman and two girls young enough to be her daughters. She hadn't a hope of being first out of the pool and did the last lap by herself. The crowd didn't just applaud her every stroke of the way, they raised the roof. Every team had its own scream, and as she finished her triumph, her act of courage, we all had a better understanding of why it was still THE GAY OLYMPICS, despite legalities.

I walked in on the Basketball crowd on Friday afternoon. They were small, but not sane. New Yorkers. Lots of penalties. The expression "uniform" seems to have a liberal interpretation in the state of New York. If you're going to foul a guy, you might just as well get in a quick hug, yes? L.A. won that one 69-55. Everybody got a nice round of applause afterwards. Then they put on the music and everybody, especially the New Yorkers, started celebrating. Ah, the agony of defeat.

# GAY OLYMPIC GAMES

The women's game that followed was much more serious. San Francisco vs. Berkeley. Matching playing uniforms, warmups, pompom boys, and floral bouquets. Damn, what a party. They didn't play like girls, either! The crowd continued to experience its own brand of reality. Heavily defensive game. Stats weren't available, but this reporter saw no less than a dozen offensive rebounds by both teams and far too many missed shots. The game was kept close up to the last minute when a couple of penalties cost San Francisco heavily. 50-46 Berkeley.

The Bowling was not like the cathedral stillness of the televised bowling tournaments. This was a group of good friends gathered to bowl in a league that sported four national flags (Australia, Canada, U.S. and West Germany.) As I walked in, Roy Welch of Sacramento was leading the men's singles. J. Smith of Napa took #2 in the women's, and Sacramento took the bronze for the women's team.

ty. It was more about being nervous because you were there racing, or about being cold as you got your story (the press was ubiquitous.) It was a relief when everything got started.

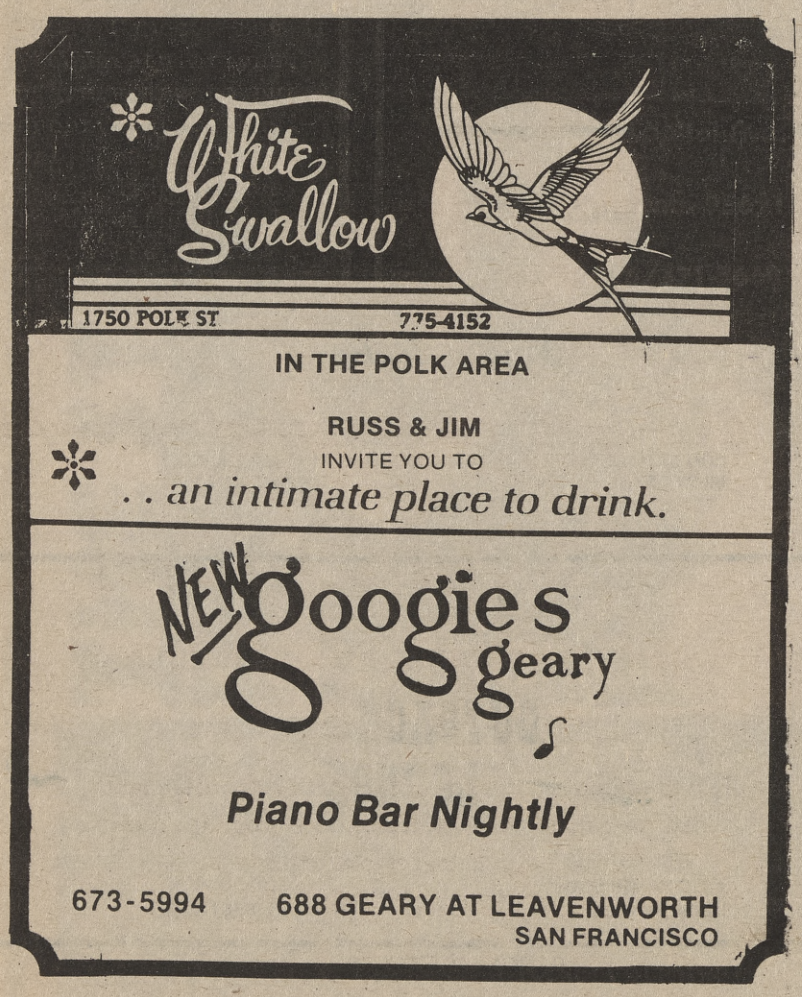
It was over so quickly. We had just enough time to walk half a block or so to the finish area, set up the line, and look to our equipment. The bikers had ridden the length of the park twice, down to the beach and back, just under 11 miles. A pleasant note was the co-operation of the SFPD, whose presence at this event had some last-minute exertions on their part.

SAN FRANCISCO '82

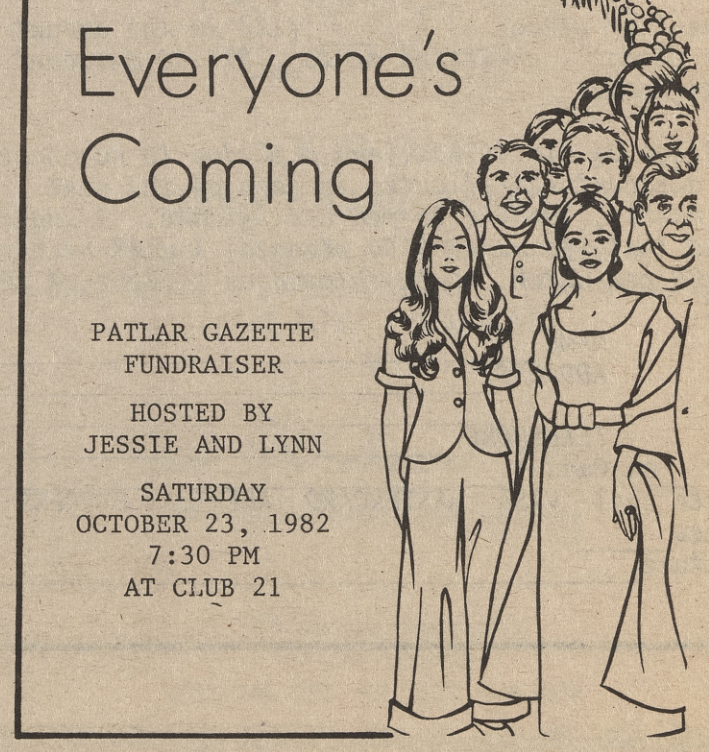
Boxing was a disappointment. Only half a dozen bouts. The crowd was very noisy, a little bloodthirsty in the manner of boxing crowds everywhere.

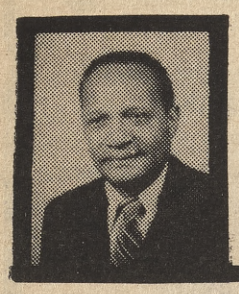
The gentlemanly ferocity of the next event, Tennis, was a total contrast. The referee was perfect with scores announced in a passionless voice, mountainously calm. The men's doubles finals were spirited, too. After dropping the first set, Dunn and Alber of Sydney, Australia, came back to win.

Bicycling. San Francisco was very pretty just before dawn. Traffic was light at Golden Gate Park. This wasn't an unrestrained par-





# ERNIE BROWN

## VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

by Ernie Brown

I don't think I've ever seen anything in my entire life to equal the gala closing of the Gay Games '82 in S.F. What a heart-warming sight. I still have goose bumbs and teary eyes from watching the triumphal march of all the athletes from eleven foreign countries and the United States. Do you know what it's like to stand and applaude for forty-five minutes? It's undescribable. Sacramento has reason to be extremely happy. We won eighteen medals in all. Congratulations to Anna, Debbie (6 medals), Jason-Andy, and everyone else who participated. We're really proud of all of you. Makes me proud to be from Sacto. A special thanks goes to Norman F. for a great job of organizing. No easy task. If I wore a hat, it would be of to all of you . . . Coming up at the Wreck Room, Wed. Oct. 6 at 8 PM, another Nuts & Bolts Party. The last one was such a success that they're doing it again. Don't miss it this time . . . The Mercantile Saloon will be celebrating its fifth anniversary Oct. 3 so plan to come out and enjoy all the fun and merriment. Congratulations Rachel . . . Chef Bob (Broadway Ltd.) is still packing them in Wed. nights at his Spaghetti Feed from 5 to 8, all you can eat for two bucks fifty cents. It's a treat . . . Flash! Flash!! FLASH!!! Rumors are flying that the Club 21 may be expanding. Keep your eyes and ears open. In a couple of months you might be able to double your pleasure, double your fun. Remember, you heard it here first. In the meanwhile, check out their Tuesday night special from Five to Nine PM, for a buck fifty cents you can munch out . . . Speaking of munching out, every night (except Monday) from 4:30 til 10, stop by and have one of Vera's Veraburgurs at the Mercantile Saloon. You'll never regret it . . . Congratulations Modette (Rambler), your semicolons are getting prettier and prettier, just like you . . . Summer is rapidly coming to an end so let's go out to the Parking Lot and check out all of their recreational facilities. Swimming, tennis, volley ball, and, of course, cruzing. It's a good place to have your favorite drink and people watch . . . Axel (Power Plant) congratulations for being one of the first bars to throw a Bartenders' Party. It's a great idea. And your sound is still top notch. Love it. . . If you missed the show out at BoJangles a couple of Sundays ago, you missed a biggy. It was very professionally done. In fact they (BoJangles) are going to have this entertainer back again in the near future. I'll keep you posted . . . Anna Marie's is really packing them in on Friday & Saturday nights. Check it out . . . Doug (Emperor) & Billy (Empress), your GNIE Benefit was a beautiful & entertaining success. Everybody had a good time. Frank Lawler and Linda Birner from MGW did a bang-up job MCing . . . Oh by the way, Frank Lawler, Happy Belated Birthday. Happy Birthday also to: Stanley, Aunt Rose, Randy, Joyce. Don Love, your birthday party was a hoot. How does it feel to reach the Big Three-O? Don't worry, you've got a lot of living (loving) left . . . Randy, I am glad you solved your mystery guest. What happens now? Bruce, glad you had a beautiful vacation in Hawaii. I told you you would love it. Mahalo. Anna have a good trip. You certainly deserve it. You probably don't want to lay eyes on a tennis racquet for the next couple of months. You sure got a workout at the Gay Games. But it paid off. Congratulations, Marci, you are going to put Libby's Cannery out of business. Karl, Don, & Clara Bell, hope you didn't have anything to do with that levee breaking on the delta. . . James Graham et al., the Star's looking better and better, keep up the good work . . . Well this is it for now. Remember, if you've got something you want me to mention in my column, let me know. See Ya ! ! ! ! ! ! !

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The High Sierras are essentially a social leather-oriented motorcycle club. The club has won many awards both as an organization and through its members' participation in biking and club events. The club has several major events each year. The High Sierras Silver Paddle Awards in the spring each year honors those in Reno who manage to be the worst in each of six categories, ranging from worst bar in town to "Bitch" of the year.

October 1, 2, and 3rd will see the club's sixth anniversary celebration which is known as Oktoberfest. This event features no-host cocktails and a show featuring Sacramento's Empress Billie and Emperor Doug plus other excitement at the Imagine That in Reno beginning at 7:00 pm. Saturday will see an all-afternoon pool party and barbeque at Reno's newest bar, the Outback Lounge. This event will begin at noon until?? The bar hopes to have its dance hall ready for a dance Saturday night. Sunday will see a private brunch for club members and out-of-town guests.

The High Sierras cordially invite friends from California and other states to join with us and our friends in Reno for this fun weekend. Leather and levis are the order of dress, fun and friendship the purpose. Come on up to Reno and see us.

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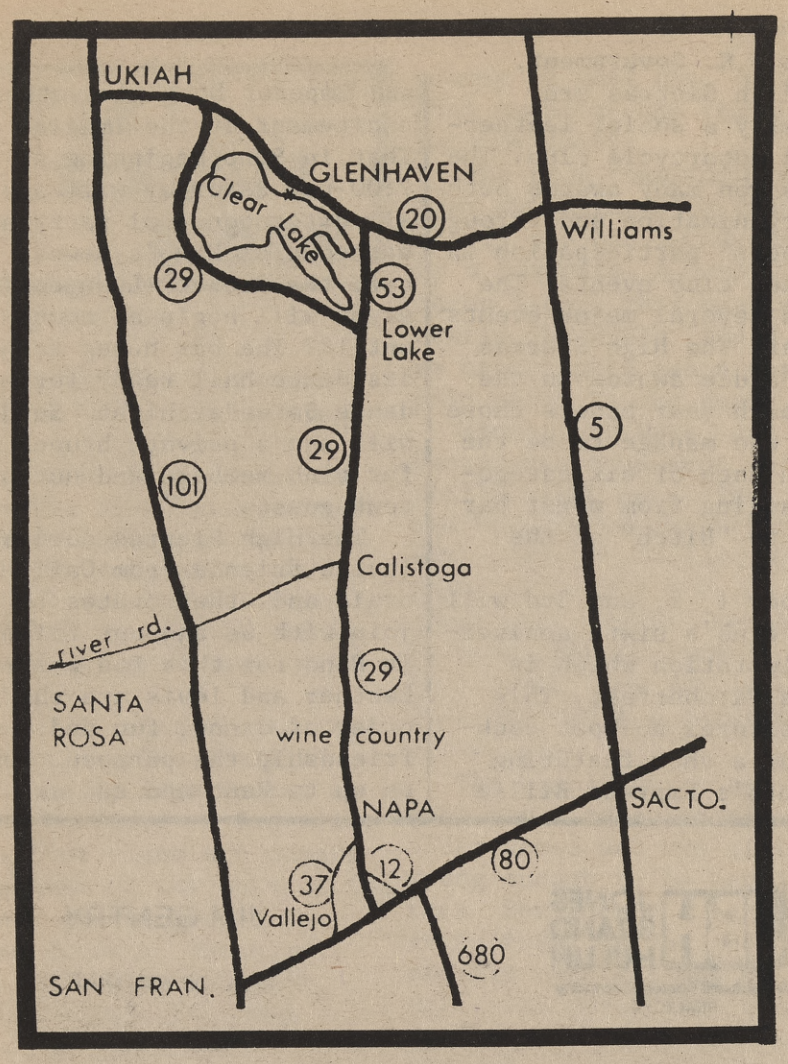


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in Glenhaven. An award ceremony is planned for Saturday night. There will be a free catfish fry on Saturday afternoon. Free bait will be provided, with the purchase of a box lunch, by the Mt. View Market. If there is anyone who is squeamish about baiting a hook--no problem

The local men are said to be only too willing to help. Reasonable boat rentals are also available... If you need more information about carryings-on in Lake County, please feel free to drop me a line: Mr. Bill, P.O. Box 424, Glenhaven, CA 95443... ONWARD LAKE COUNTY.


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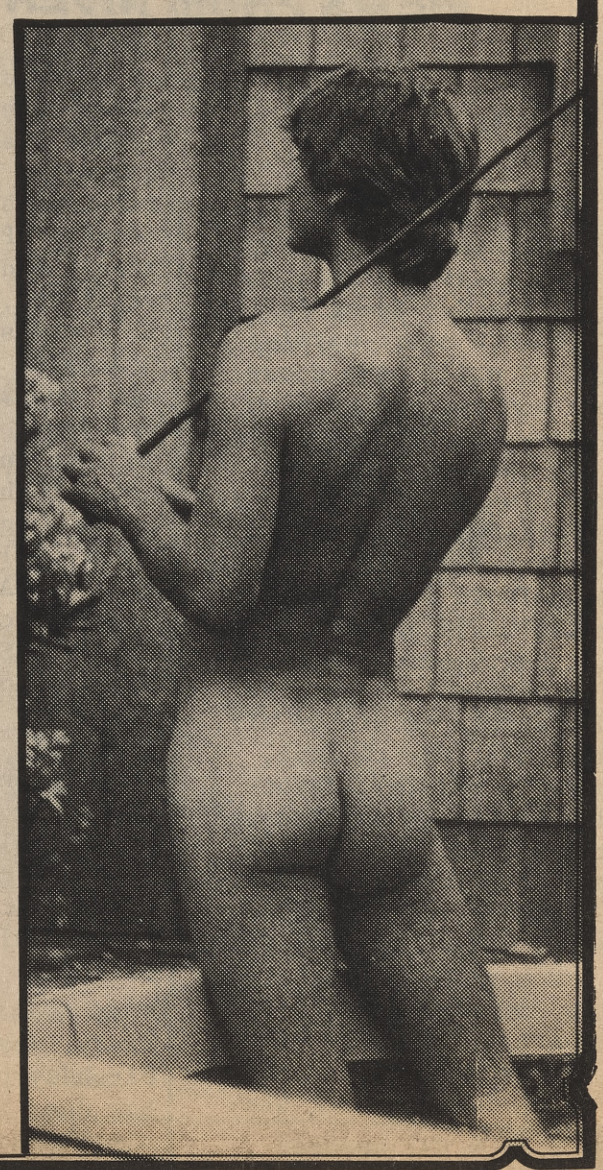


# MODESTO

MODESTO SCENE

The Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA)is a support group for area gays and friends of gays. Everyone interested is invited to become involved in SGA and to help organize the Fall SGA Program. The SGA may be contacted by writing to P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352, or by telephoning (209) 577-6816.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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| Sun | 6:00 am | Radio Program on KSAN 95 FM. |
| | 10:00 am | Metropolitan Community Church, 800 E. Morris, Auditorium, Modesto. |
| Tues | 7:00 pm | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays--celebration for gays and friends of gays. Call Father Richard Forti at (209) 634-5432 for details and location. |

MODESTO CALENDAR:

Sept

20 Mon General Meeting of the Emerald Owl Court, 800 E. Morris at 7:30 pm. Open to the public.

22 Wed SGA September Skate! For kids & adults--"Car Load Night" at Roller King. Prices slashed to $4.00 per carload (limit 20 per car), plus 50¢ skate rental. Call Danny at (209) 526-3599. (7-9:00pm skating)

'Other Ways,' a non-profit gay social alternative will be sending a speaker for a presentation sponsored by the Stanislaus Owl Empire at 7:30 pm, 800 E. Morris, Auditorium, Modesto.

25 Sat Potluck, starting at 5:00 pm at Susan Deren's, 303 Church, Oakdale.

The Emerald Owl Court presents Closet Ball '82, at the Moose Hall, 821 5th Street in Modesto at 8:00 pm. Cost--$5.00 at the door.

26 Sun Third Emerald Owl Court Picnic to be held at the Tuolumne Regional Park from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Cost is $6.00 for food and drink.

Oct

2 Sat Campaign kick-off.

Santa Monica Coronation.

15 Fri Stanislaus Gay Alliance Women's Night. Call Gwen (209) 847-5592, or Jheri (209) 847-6226 for information.

18 Mon Court Meeting, 7:30 pm, 800 E. Morris Avenue, Modesto.

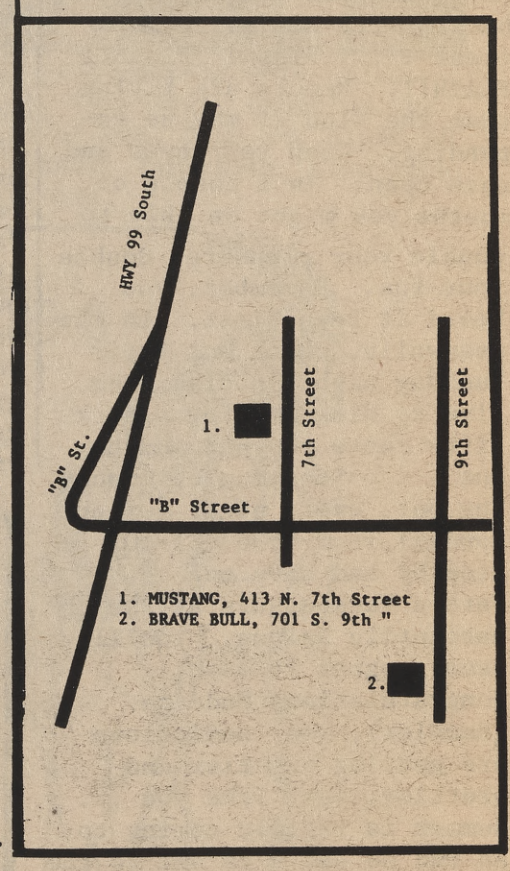
23 Sat Picnic--details to be arranged.

24 Sun "Witches Christmas--Toys For Tots," 8:00 pm, Mustang Club. Admission--please bring a toy, new or used.

27 Mon Coronation meeting, 7:30 pm, Jack's 1459 Standiford #15, Modesto.

30 Sat First advance discount ticket sale of Coronation tickets.

The Emerald Owl Court may be contacted by writing to P.O. Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355.



## SHOWCASE CINEMA HIGHLIGHTS

We at the PATLAR GAZETTE are pleased to announce that future issues will be reviewing films and keeping you abreast of upcoming attractions at the Showcase Cinema.

Showcase offers films of exceptional quality and eclecticisn at very fair prices ($3.50 general admission, $2.00 student and seniors, and special discount cards available.) Showcase affords an opportunity to see those films you missed on the first round, or to catch a second or third viewing of your favorites. Coming attractions include some Marx Brothers classics, Reds, Deathtrap, Body Heat, and Victor/Victoria. A reminder for "Rocky Horror" fanatics that Showcase is here to quell your thirst for this campy horror film on Saturdays at midnight.

By this publication date, Showcase will be in its second week of a six week "Cinema Brasil" film series. Each Wednesday and Thursday evening through October 21 Showcase will feature a different pair of Brazilian movies. Each pair will consist of an established classic and a Sacramento premiere.

For the best way to keep up with the diverse Showcase schedule, you may mail a post card to them at 412 L Street, Sacramento, 95814, requesting their calendar of exciting attractions which is complete with a brief description of each film. Then look forward to some fine entertainment at rates that make moviegoing enjoyable again.

## NEW MARKETING CONCEPT

Azygos (a-zy-go) means one of a kind...unmatched. It stands alone. It is the name of a new product to be introduced this month, which is a line of high-fashion men's fragrance. The line consists of cologne after shave, and moisturizing bar.

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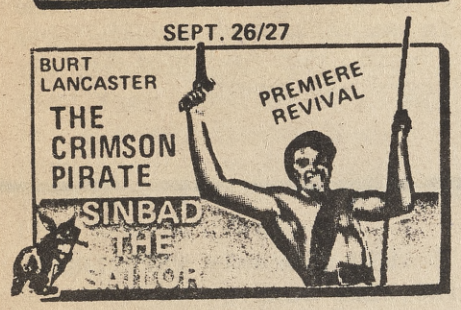


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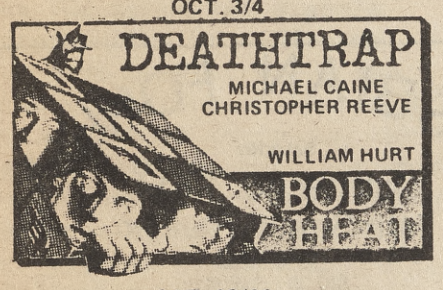


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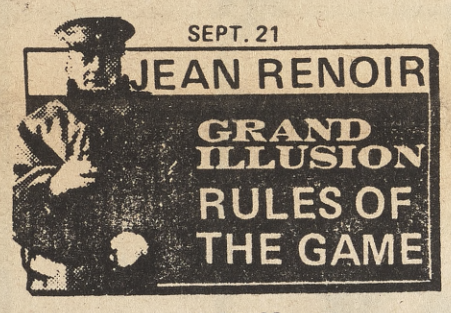


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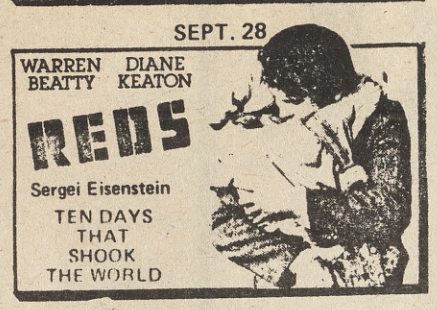


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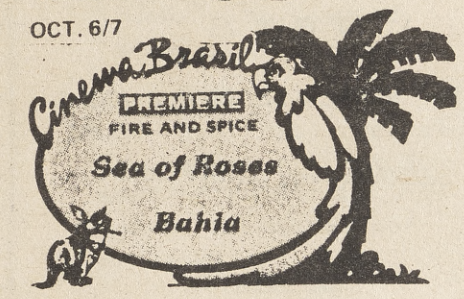


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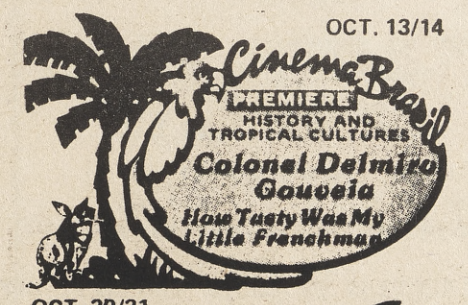


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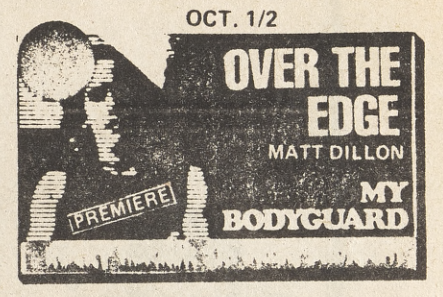


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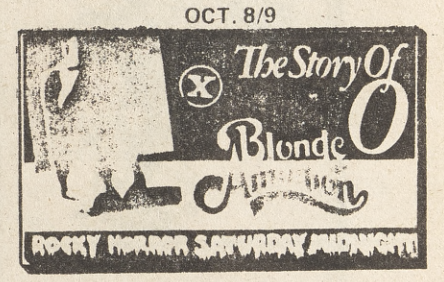


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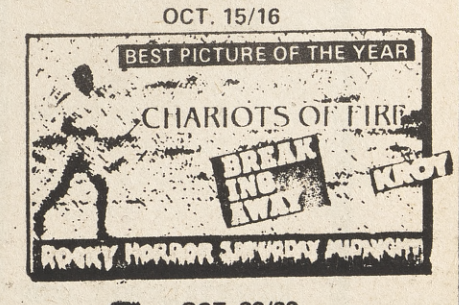


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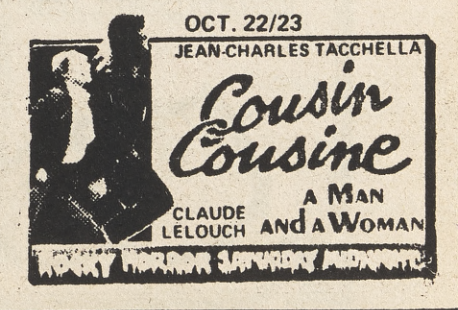

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAT

By J. C. McCray

If your cat meows softly, take it as a complaint of some sort--the degree of intensity to be determined by the loudness and general tune. Hunger, loneliness, thirst, pain, insecurity, a desire to go somewhere else, and general uneasiness are the most common complaints.

If your cat purrs, this is a sign of contentment. Some cats will purr when talked to affectionately; others will do so only when stroked gently or rubbed behind the ears.

If your cat screams, a most disconcerting sound, something important is going on--breeding, fighting, or agony. It is an alarm and should be responded to as such.

When your cat closes its eyes without going to sleep and its ears are upright, it is expressing trust and a sense of utter well-being.

When your cat narrows its eyes to a slit so that the pupils look like pinpoints and its ears are flattened, it is expressing utter fury and aggression.

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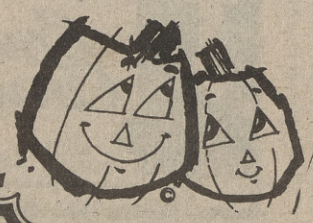

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# HOROSCOPES
## BY DR. PAT LARR

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22)--Let "party" be your watchword this month. Use it as a verb and amaze everyone with your ignorance. When "trick-or-treating," don't forget to ask his/her name.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22)--Fate gives the thumbs-up sign to you this month. Your Honda hums, your 501's fit, your chaps won't chafe, your moustache waxes fuller than ever before. And best of all, your cockring won't slip off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)--There's a bad moon rising for Sagis this month. You may be disappointed in your travel plans. That fire-lit cabin at the Russian River may not materialize. Settle for a roll in the bushes.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)--Mars is on your cusp this month and coupled with Venus rising, your love life will be a Rocky Horror show. Whatever you do, don't criticize his quiche.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18)--As flighty as ever, you flit from one thing to another. Yes, it's going to be another leather-and-lace month. Don't throw out those red-sequined wedgies until after halloween, a mysterious stranger may want to borrow them.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)--Plan an intimate dinner for two on the fifteenth, the stars say you may not be able to afford it by the 20th. Romance is emphasized the first part of the month, so your dinner party should be interesting.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)--Independent Aries, the holidays are approaching and it's time to get those pecs in shape. Buy a set of color-coordinated sweat bands and tell everyone that you've joined Jack LaLanne's.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)--Too earthy for your own good, isn't it time you visited the baths? You may find romance by month's end as long as you don't feed him too much bull. Don't dress up as "Mommie Dearest" for Halloween this year. It's been done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)--As usual, you get it both ways this month. Money matters are easily solved and you rise to the occasion where cupid is concerned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)--Crotch watchers to the max, now is the time to sort through the porno mags you collected during the summer. You may be a home body, but be sure to hit the bars on the 31st. You're sure to run into at least one full moon.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)--Career minded Leos see the money roll in this month. Tuesdays are extra special this month. A Scorpio develops a thing for you on the 17th. Don't get stung.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22)--Beware of a Gemini bareing gifts or any other part of his anatomy. Aries figures prominantly in your life this month, but be suspicious of anyone wearing a trench-coat who answers to the name of Guido.

KNOW YOUR COLORS!

By R. Maple

"Clothes make the man," an old adage states.

In the gay community, however, clothes only help make the man! It is not what you wear, but what you are wearing with what you wear that cues the discerning eye and speaks louder than blaring music, says more than a book, means more than Howard Cosel.

A little research and a lot of digging have turned up the so-called signals represented by different colored handkerchiefs and their position in the pocket. Perhaps there are regional differences, for what one means in Los Angeles may be meaningless in San Francisco; but generally, the following information will keep you in good stead wherever you may travel.

Handkerchief symbolism is broken down into major classes, that is, color, activity, and left pocket (lp) or right pocket (rp).

Black--into heavy S & M--lp, sadist/topman; rp, masochist/bottom-man.

Red--insertion of the fist into the buttocks--lp, loves to insert; rp, loves to receive.

Navy Blue--Insertion of penis in anus (excuse the euphemisms, because I have to keep this article clean)--lp, inserter; rp, insertee/receiver.

Olive Drab--into uniforms--lp, have uniforms, will travel/butch, wants same; rp, less butch and looking for uniformed man.

Rust--Wants three-way sex, or more--lp, there are two looking for a third (or more); rp, one looking for two or more.

Dark Green--Rubber fun, or into sexual devices--lp, has equipment, will travel; rp, wants to have rubber fun.

Light Green--sex for money--lp has something to sell; rp has enough to buy.

Pink--Dildo fun--lp has equipment; rp likes to have equipment used on him.

Grey--into bondage--lp, giver, likes to bond; rp, wants to be restrained.

Orange--into anything--lp, anything, anytime, anywhere; rp, not right now.

Light Blue--Oral sex, "69"--lp, gives 69/topside; rp, wants 69/bottom-side.

Yellow--Water Sports--lp likes to urinate on people; rp loves to be urinated upon.

Mustard--Into the penis size--lp has eight or more inches; rp wants any inches available.

Brown--Scat Play (feces)--lp, producer of excrement/shitter; rp, receiver of excrement/shittee.

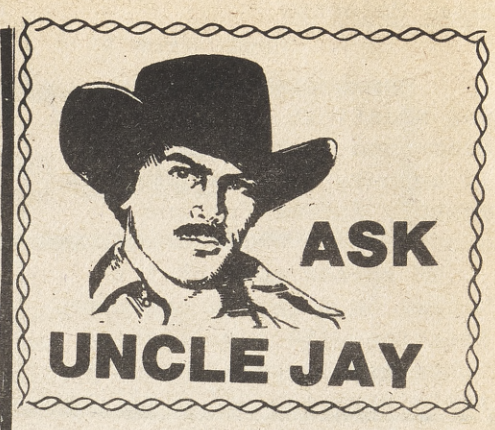
Purple--into body piercing--lp likes to taunt, tease, and pierce; rp likes to be taunted, teased, and pierced.

Brown--Scat Play (feces)--lp, producer of excrement/excretor; rp, receiver of excrement/excretee.

Gold--in reference to age/chicken--lp, chicken hawk; rp, available chicken.

White--into mutual masturbation--lp wants to be masturbated; rp will masturbate you.

Before you don your 501s and hit the streets ready to interpret colors and make contact, be sure you have a good memory (don't pick the wrong activity) and get your eyes checked for colorblindness.




Dear Uncle Jay,

Mine is a real terrible problem, unsolvable. But maybe you can help anyway.

I was brung up in a very particular house where my parents insisted on perfection in table manners. My lover, whose pretty damm nice every other way, if you know what I mean and I presume you do, "smacks" because he eats with his mouth open. He insists it's normal, perfectly so. My folks would simply die if I brung him home and he smacked at din-din. Strictly red-neck, tacky-tacky.

Please solve my problem and I'm thanking you in advance for your solution.

Yours truly,
Sick of "Smacking"

Dear SOS,

Habits are the products of learning. I suggest that you warn Mother and Dad that there's a prime "smacker" coming to dinner so they'll be prepared.

Your parents should be mature enough to deal with your "smacker" for one meal. If not, ask your lover to sacrifice his "smacking" once, for them.

Either way, someone has to give.

Good luck, and keep in touch. I'd love to hear how things turn out.

UJ

POLICY: It is the policy of this columnist to answer letters through this column only. Those of you who write in for personal correspondence (i.e. counseling service), I always refer you to a Social Service Agency in your area. Generally, those services are free or available on a sliding scale.

GAY ATHIESTS

The Gay Athiest League of America (GALA) announced its Second Annual National Convention, to be held October 15-17, at the Americana Hotel in Houston.

The convention will feature an address by Steve Schafersman, a biological scientist, on homosexuality and genetics, and an address by Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hare, American Athiest founder and leader. National business will also be conducted.

Moral Majority

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was a deficit, it was termed minor and operational since it amounts to less than the monthly income for one month.

MM spends most of its budget on lobbying and publications ($4.4 million). Other expenditures included administration ($1.6 million) and fund raising ($1 million). Out of each dollar raised, the MM spends 16 cents on fund raising.

STD Awareness

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things to be concerned about.

7) You can get them from a toilet seat.

All of the above statements are false. If you missed any (especially No. 7), please read on; but even if you didn't make any mistakes, read on anyway because you may be surprised by some of the reasons. Let's take them one at a time:

1) The biggest problem facing medicine today with regard to STDs is what are known as "super bugs," those diseases which are becoming resistant to antibiotics used to treat them. Thirty years ago, 300,000 units of penicillin were sufficient to cure gonorrhea, but now the usual successful dose is 4.8 million units. Penicillin-resistant gonorrhea is directly attributed to an inappropiate use of antibiotics. The main abuse is taking a "few" pills to prevent something. You prevent nothing except an easier cure down the road. Also, with regard to antibiotics, if your doctor prescribes oral antibiotics, continue taking them until your prescription runs out--not just until the symptoms go away.

2) A blood test or "VDRL" is only for diagnosing syphilis, nothing else, and even then it is only around 75% accurate in detecting the first or "primary" stage of syphilis, so a negative result doesn't mean you're home free.

3) Wrong again, rectal gonorrhea is much more difficult to cure and sometimes a combination of treatments are necessary. Many straight doctors don't think about the possibilities unless you tell them. If you can't be open with your doctor about your lifestyle, get a different doctor, one you can be comfortable with.

4) If immunity were possible, the search for a vaccine would be over. This is also why, unlike some diseases, you can get STDs more than once. You can, however reduce your chances in some instances by just being in good health. For example, the Advocate Guide to Gay Health states that odds of getting gonorrhea from a single exposure range from 20 to 50 percent. Good diet and plenty of sleep, giving you a good "resistance," can reduce the hazard even more; and, of course, being run down, tired, etc. can increase the risk.

5) Sometimes gonorrhea and syphilis' first symptoms are so mild as to be attribute d to something else or ignored completely, and it is possible to have no symptoms at all. This is why it is advisable for any sexually active person to be checked out routinely as part of a regular health care program.

6) So far I've only mentioned syphilis and gonorrhea in reaction to the answers, but STDs encompass a broad spectrum of diseases, some of them unique to gay people (again, more reason to come out to your doctor). Certain "tropical diseases" and parasites like dysentery salmonella and shigellosis are considered STDs. Also, once rare things with horrible-sounding names like chancroid, lymphogranuloma venereum, and granuloma iguinale are becoming increasingly common and should be of concern.

7) Oh come on now!

A major part of gay pride is to respect your body and seek out the knowledge necessary to maintain its good health. It is a sad fact that although only one in ten are gay, gays account for 40% of reported cases of gonorrhea and over 50% of all syphilis cases. Awareness of what STDs are and how they affect us is the strongest tool in combating these problems. I urge you to read up on them and use what you learn.

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Contra Costa County

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Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (DVMCC) plans to have its library open by October 1. Books and shelves are needed. Persons who want to contribute books and/or shelves should contact the church.

DVMCC is looking for a place to have its Rap Group on Friday evenings. The group wants to move back into a home. Persons who would like to volunteer their homes on Friday evenings (approximately 7:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.) should contact the church.

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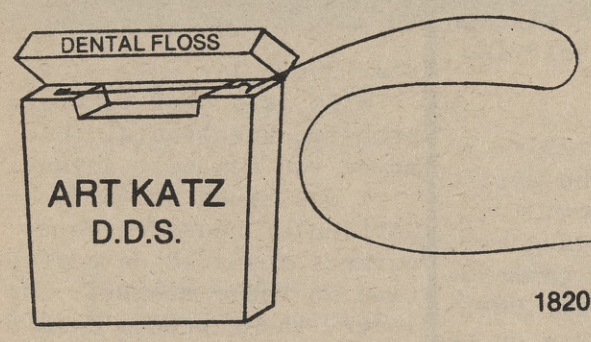
For more information about DVMCC events, write or phone: 1818 Colfax St., Concord, CA. (415) 827-2960.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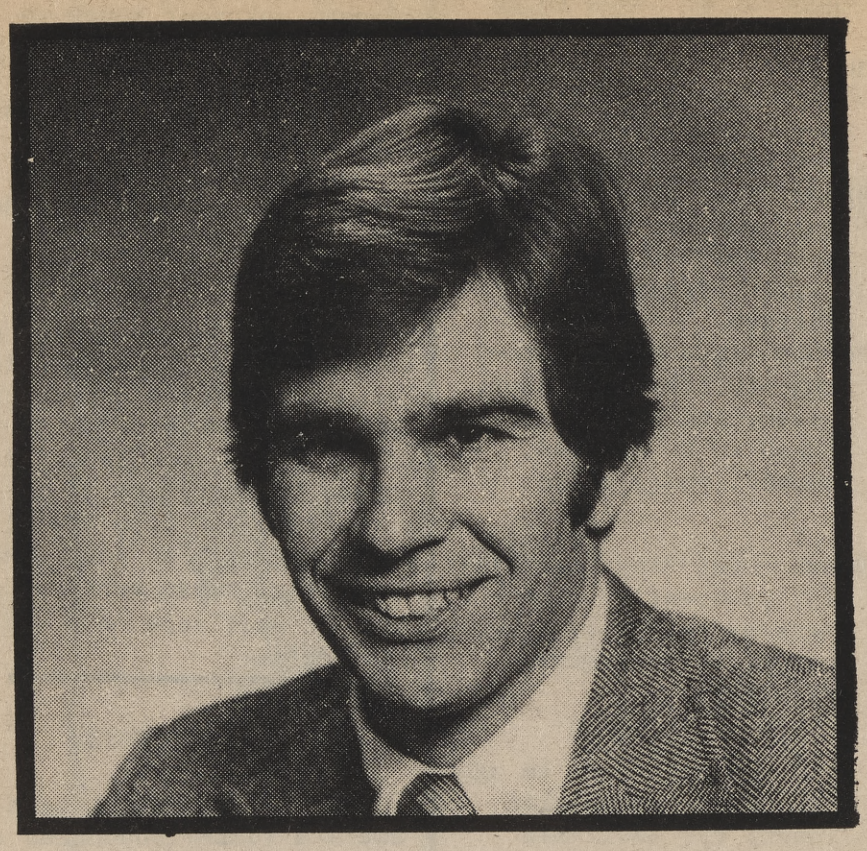

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# RELIGION

By P. Trisler

The response to Carl Goebel's article has been so great that he has been inspired to write another. I'll save the letters you have written for a separate column next month. Thanks, again, to Carl for these articles!

CHURCH FATHERS OR CHURCH JUVENILES?

Noted theologians of the early Christian church, who formulated the basic interpretation of the Bible still in acceptance today, proved themselves to be wise and perceptive in spiritual matters. But when it came to things regarding human sexuality they were, at times, somewhat absurd and downright wacky in their understanding of the subject. Such theological greats as Augustine, Jerome, Justin Martyr, and Origen asserted that it was a sin to perform any sexual act which was not procreative, that is, which did not deposit sperm in the vagina for the purpose of creating offspring. Birth control methods, masturbation, oral, anal, interfemoral, all lesbian and gay sex, etc., were absolutely forbidden by them.

At the same time, Augustine explicitly instructed Christian women that if their husbands felt a need to indulge in non-procreative sex, they were to have them do it with prostitutes whom he curiously considered to be a natural and necessary part of life. (Imagine Billy Graham making such a statement!) Not only did they consider non-procreative sex evil, they even considered procreative sex evil when it was accompanied by erotic pleasure. Jerome insisted that "a man who loves his wife very much is an adulterer" and that a husband should "love his wife with his intellect, not with his affections." Justin Martyr maintained that people should either marry to have children or live completely without sex for the rest of their lives. Origen was so mixed-up about his own sexual desires that he chopped off his genitals.

The point of all this is not to show how mentally unbalanced the Church fathers could be when it came to sex, but to demonstrate how very human they were and how much they were the product of the world in which they lived. Indeed, their unreasonable attitudes regarding sex and sexuality directly reflected popular notions held by contemporary pagan philosophers and in certain intellectual circles of the time.

In interpreting Bible references about sexuality, they naturally were inclined to be biased and assert their prejudiced views by the usual misinterpretation of words, misrepresentation of context, or distortion of facts. Professor John Boswell of Yale University has done a fine job in his scholarly book, Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality (1980), in unveiling the historical reasons behind the irrational anti-gay sentiments widespread in today's organized church. There is at times a great difference between what the Bible actually states and what the Bible in interpreted as stating. The subject of homosexuality has proven to be a prime target over the years of this kind of dubious interpretation.

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# PEOPLE OF CO-LORE

by DeWitt Hoard, New York City

A few months ago, I found myself in a rather preplexing predicament. I was asked to write an article for an organization of which I am a member; I serve on that organization's minority issues task force. I decided to write on the subject of black gays. A review of the established publications on homosexuality provided me with little information. Whenever I was fortunate enough to find mention of black gays, it was usually to state that inferences about this group could not be made due to insufficient data, and that further study was needed. After reading repeated statements of this nature, I found myself actually questioning my existence, a stage through which I thought I had passed during the search-for-everything '60s. Of course I exist I assured myself. Hadn't I recently seen over 200 black gays in a D.C. disco!

The more I read, the less I found on the subject in proportion to other issues considered important to the black community. Why was there so little information on black gays? Could our brief inclusion in the literature be a hint about our position within the lesbian and gay community? I then decided to examine the black journals, professional and popular. Outside of one article that discussed homosexuality as a threat to the black family, I found virtually nothing on the topic. And then it hit me! Despite the socio-political advancements that the lesbian and gay community has made in the 14 years since the sanctioning mental health professions recognized homosexuality as a valid life style, there are still groups within the community that have yet to realize the liberating effect of these achievements. The groups to which I refer are, in addition to black lesbians and gays, lesbian and gay Asians, Hispanics, and native Americans.

Just as I found a lack of information about black gays, investigation of the literature in regard to the above groups of color was equally as futile. In fact there was less mention of those groups than of black lesbians and gays. My Missouri stubbornness took control and I assumed a dogged determination to solve this mystery. Eventually I stumbled upon a few esoteric publications that contained articles by black lesbians and gays who addressed my questions. I also began to review black history and literature for indications of inherent cultural factors that could contribute to our diminished position within and without the lesbian and gay community. In addition, I located and visited organizations that focused on such problems as racism and the need for consciousness raising within the community of color. I finally wrote my article from the limited but illuminating data I was able to compile.

From my efforts to satisfy my own curiosity, I have increased my knowledge and acquired new insights about the lesbian and gay community of color. I have also co-founded a counseling agency specifically to help address the needs of this community. Because there is a dearth of information in print on lesbians and gays of color, I feel it is essential that there be a column in the PATLAR GAZETTE devoted to them. I have several aspirations and expectations for this column. First, I feel it can be instrumental in helping the gay community better understand its subcultures of color as they struggle for unique expression and a life personally satisfying. Second, with this heightened state of awareness, I anticipate truths formed to replace myths and misconceptions, and respect fostered for people with (co-) different backgrounds and histories (lore). And finally, I'm just romantic enough to believe that with this increased awareness and respect for our total citizenry, an archetypical lesbian and gay community can be created of which this entire country would do well to take note.

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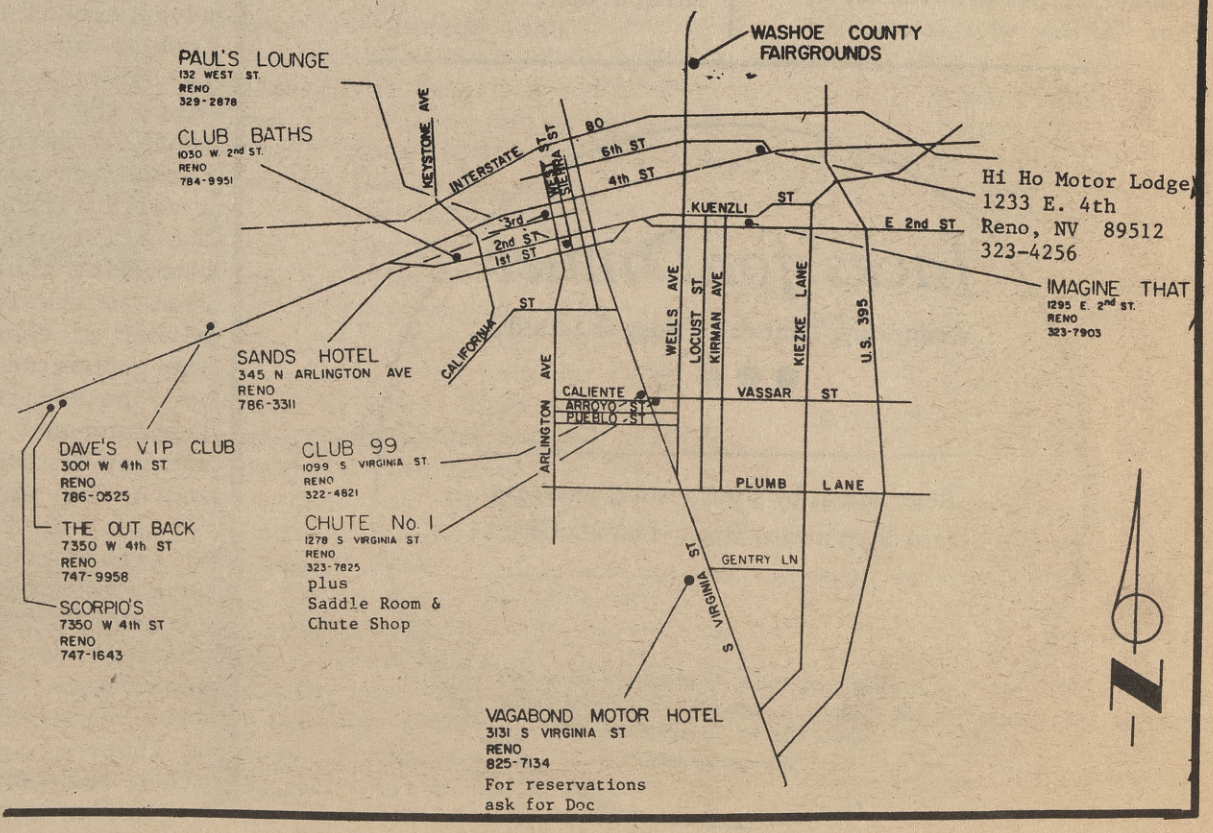

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